WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Sugar Production and Its Export

*672. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have urged the sugar industry to raise the output and to export more sugar to earn foreign exchange;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have agreed to assist the sugar industries to improve their production; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). The Government is continually taking necessary measures to assist the sugar industry to increase its production and thereby enable it to export more sugar. For the next 1991-92 sugar season, in order to encourage early crushing by the sugar factories so as to maximise sugar production, Government has taken a decision to grant incentives in the shape of higher freesale quota @72% on the production to be achieved during the period 1st October, 1991 to 15th November, 1991.

Vacant Posts in Government Departments

*675. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts in each Group lying vacant in the Ministries/Departments of the Union Government as on July 31, 1991; and

(b) the steps taken to fill up the vacant posts and when these are likely to filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). As the responsibility to fill up vacancies and monitor the progress of recruitment action in accordance with the recruitment rules and procedures laid down is distributed among a very large number of different authorities on a specified date and the date by which the vacancies are likely to be filled up is not centrally available.

[*Translation*]

Creation of Posts in Government Departments

*676. PROF RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINITER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts in each Group created in all the Department of the Union Government during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of posts out of the newly created posts filled in so far;

(c) the expenditure incurred on advertisements issued by the Union Government for filling up the vacant posts during the last three years; and

(d) the number of persons appointed belonging to general category, ex-servicemen, handicapped, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Powers for creation of new posts are not centralised in the Ministry of Finance. Under the enhanced